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1.INCLUDING ZAYAS AND DEPARIAS WHO WERE NOT INCLUDED IN COMPUTATION REF A, COST OF GRANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR CANDIDATES NOMINATED TO DATE CONSIDERABLY EXCEEDS FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE IN TQ. EMBASSY IN BEST POSITION JUDGE RELATIVE PRIORITY CANDIDATES. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY US WITH LIST OF NOMINEES IN PRIORITY ORDER. CANDIDATES FOR WHOM FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE IN TQ WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER FY 77 PROGRAM BEGINNING OCTOBER.

2.SECOND RELATED PROBLEM CONCERNS SCHEDULING GRANTEES AT PROGRAM AGENCIES DURING NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. DATES LISTED STATE 163797 ARE FIRM UNLESS POST WISHES SUBSTITUTE HIGH HIGHER PRIORITY CANDIDATES FOR THESE APPOINTMENTS. AT THIS LATE DATE COOPERATING AGENCIES (PARTICULARLY VPS) ARE FILLED DURING CERTAIN PERIODS. IF VPS UNABLE PROVIDE PROGRAMMING

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ASSISTANCE ON PARTICULAR DATE DESIRED FOR REMAINING CAN-

DIDATES WHO SHOULD BE ASSIGNED THERE, DEPARTMENT CAN ATTEMPT TO FIND ALTERNATE AGENCY WITH SPACE AVAILABLE. THIS CAN HOWEVER RESULT IN LESS SATISFACTORY PROGRAM. BELIEVE WITH SOME IMPORTANT CANDIDATES IT MIGHT BE BEST HAVE THEM TRAVEL LATER (UNDER FY 77) IN ORDER TO ASSURE MOST APPROPRIATE PROGRAM AGENCY. FOR EXAMPLE, ZAYAS (REF B) AND DEPARIAS MERRY (REF C) CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED BY VPS DURING TIMES SUGGESTED. DOES EMBASSY RECOMMEND ATTEMPTING FIND ALTERNATE PROGRAM AGENCY, MAKE SUBSTITUTIONS FOR SOME CANDIDATES WHO NOW HAVE FIRM DATES, OR MIGHT IT BE IN BEST INTEREST OF PROGRAM TO DELAY SOME GRANTS UNTIL FY 77?

3.EMBASSY USED ONLY \$27,474 OUT OF THE \$50,000 ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED FOR REGULAR FY 76 PROGRAM BUT REMAINING FUNDS HAD TO BE REPROGRAMMED ELSEWHERE BY JUNE 30. RELATIVELY LARGE SUM NOW AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR TQ (MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER

YOUR FY 76 ANNUAL PROGRAM) IS RESULT OF JUDICIOUS REPROGRAMMING OUR PART WHICH PERMITTED US TO MAKE SAVINGS ON OTHER DEMANDS FOR TQ MONEY. ONE OF REASONS FOR REQUESTING PRIORITY LISTING (PARA 1, ABOVE) IS THAT WE WILL WISH TO MAKE FULL USE OF ALL FUNDS WHICH MIGHT STILL BECOME AVAILABLE LATER IN TQ.

4.ADVISE ASAP. KISSINGER

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